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1. In December 1953, no unemployed or retired person in Canton could obtain a travel permit to Macao or Hong Kong without first having his application approved by the residents' small group (1446/3046/1420/4809) of his neighborhood. He might then apply through the local Public Security branch station for the permit. Employed persons could apply to the branch station without approval of the residents' small group.
2. Normally the residents' small group did not approve an application for unemployed or retired persons unless the applicant could prove that he had been in residence in Canton for at least a month.
3. Applications tendered to the Public Security branch station having jurisdiction over the applicants were forwarded through the branch bureau (0433/1444) and the main bureau (4920/1444) to the Public Security Department which decided whether or not to issue the permit.
4. If the permit was issued, it was transmitted to the Public Security branch station for delivery to the applicant.
5. Each day an announcement of approved applications was posted on a blackboard outside the branch station. This was the only notice given the applicant that his permit was available.
6. Young people of both sexes could be turned back at border checkpoints by immigration officials, even though they had valid travel permits, unless they were able to satisfy the inspector of the necessity for the travel.

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1. One hundred households comprise a residents' small group.
2. There was no statute prohibiting young people from leaving the country, but in practice their departure was discouraged. Medical treatment, collection of money, and in some cases marriage after a long engagement to a person outside Communist China were acceptable reasons for travel. The final decision was made by the individual inspector.

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